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Dear Oil and Natural Gas Roundtable Participant:

On behalf of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Environmental Council of State (ECOS) and the Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission (IOGCC), I would like to thank you for sharing your individual perspectives at the recent roundtable in Denver, Colorado.

As you may recall, the first objective of the roundtable was to improve relationships and enhance communications among stakeholders. The discussions were professional and constructive throughout the entirety of the roundtable thus meeting this objective. The second objective of the roundtable was to identify and share solutions related to challenges that adversely impact efficient and timely compliance. Again, roundtable participants candidly shared their individual perspectives related to challenges and solutions.

Our roundtable cosponsors, ECOS and IOGCC are offering similar opportunities for engagement at their respective spring meetings. The ECOS Shale Gas Caucus will host a discussion stemming from the roundtable on Tuesday, March 20 at their meeting in St. Paul, Minnesota. The IOGCC will also host a discussion at their May 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> Business Meeting in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. The EPA will participate in both the ECOS and IOGCC meetings.

Attached please find a draft document titled *Oil and Natural Gas Roundtable Highlights* which captures the key aspects of the roundtable discussions. The ideas captured in the attached draft document may be of interest to stakeholders for further discussion. If you wish to suggest edits on the attached draft document, please do so by Friday, March 30, 2018. Suggested edits should be submitted in MS Word track changes to Jim Kenney. We ask that you submit edits on behalf of yourself or respective individual organization. We will consider suggested edits and repost an updated version of the

attached document to our website on or about April 9, 2019. All the roundtable materials, including the attached document, can be found on our website at <a href="https://www.epa.gov/uog">www.epa.gov/uog</a>.

I would like to thank Ken Wagner, Senior Advisor to the Administrator For Regional and State Affairs, for his leadership in making the roundtable a reality and Doug Benevento, Regional Administrator, for graciously hosting this event in Denver, Colorado. Thank you for your commitment to these discussions, the environment and responsible energy production. We look forward to further opportunities to engage with all stakeholders on these topics.

If you have any questions, please contact Jim Kenney, Senior Policy Advisor for Unconventional Oil and Natural Gas, at (202) 768-2618 or <a href="mailto:kenney.james@epa.gov">kenney.james@epa.gov</a>.

Warm regards, Patrick

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